

REMARKS

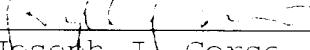
The amendment to the specification is necessary to correct a typographical error.

A page entitled "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made" is enclosed herewith.

The examination of the French Patent Application corresponding with the above-identified case disclosed the prior art publications listed in the enclosed copy of Patent Office Form 1449. Enclosed is a copy of the French Search Report as well as a copy of each of the prior art publications. It is noted that U.S. Patent No. 5,624,711 corresponds with U.S. Patent No. 5,919,523. The '523 patent is discussed at page 2, lines 5 - 9 of the specification.

It is requested that the prior art publications noted herein be considered by the examiner and made of record in the examination of this application.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph beginning on page 2, line 5 has been amended in the following manner.

The solid supports on which biological molecules are generally deposited are glass, silicon, polyacrylamide gel, polymer supports (see [American patent 5 919 525] U.S. Patent 5,919,523) or plastic (microwell plates). They may be nylon membranes.--